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General Missionary

Juneau, Alaska

Juneau, Alaska, May 5, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.

New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

Your letter of April 13th explaining rules for vacations of Alaska missionaries is before me. I had taken the interpretation you send and it is entirely satisfactory, but for missionaries with families I can see where it will deprive them of the great benefit of a vacation and that is, the educational uplift for them, and the fine chance they would have of speaking for the Board. The men give me the following reasons why they will not be able to go beyond Seattle and why Seattle is not a suitable place to spend a vacation--

First; The high cost of living will deprive them of saving, and Seattle will be an expensive place to stay where they will need to pay all their living, instead of enjoying their keep at their own homes.

Second; One third of the men will get to go out as commissioners to the General Assembly and these having their way paid together with their families will give them a special advantage, as for instance, the paying of the way of the General Missionary's wife's expenses this year. Men with larger salaries and no families will be much better situated to pay their own expenses.

Third; Seattle is not desirable for educational advantages as there are no schools there for religious improvement, which the missionary feels very necessary after being on his field for years away from the uplift and sympathetic touch of advantages outside.

Fourth; The ability to help the churches will be entirely cut off as the vicinity of Seattle is over-addressed in comparison to other places farther removed from the direct travel to and from Alaska.

This is not official correspondence but only what the men discussed at Presbytery. They are too grateful to the Board for the many kindnesses rendered in these trying times to offer what might even seem to be a word of dissatisfaction. It might be if the men guarantee the Board they will return to their fields, that after vacation some remedy could be devised as suggested in the rule in question in your letter.

With kindest regards and warmest good wishes I am most sincerely,

Geo. G. Bruce

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Juneau, Alaska, July 8, 1920.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.
General Missionary,
Hotel Frye, Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Condit--

Your letter of July 2d, written from Hotel Frey, Seattle, Wash., and a copy of which you inform me has been sent to the men on the field and to the officers of the Board, in regard to recent Alaska presbyterial action, is at hand. It attributes matters to my initiation of which I am unaware. I am grateful for the delineation of work assigned to your office; especially articles "3" and "4".

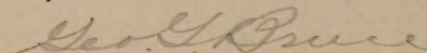
Action taken by Alaska presbytery at its spring meeting in Kake, April last, requested of the Board again a pastor-at-large, each man present speaking in its favor; with reference also to a similar request, made more than seven years ago before my entrance into the Territory. I do not remember that a presbyterial treasurer was suggested; of this the records would be the best evidence.

As to your two "questions involved." Inserting the words "Alaska presbytery" for the word "you" the action of presbytery answers the first; and concerning the second, it is not within Alaska presbyterial jurisdiction.

I feel sure all that the brethren desire is to be Presbyterian in administration of affairs within presbyterial bounds, in co-operation with the Boards of the church. As to future action of presbytery I am unable to prophesy.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the men on the field and also to the officers of the Board.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman Home Mission Committee
Presbytery of Alaska

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Juneau, Alaska, July 8, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
New York, NY.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

I am in receipt of a lengthy letter from Dr. Condit written from Seattle July 2d concerning presbyterial matters. He tells me he has sent the letter to all the men and I am doing the same with my reply. You will find it herein.

At a meeting of the Home mission Committee last week at which Missionaries Beck and Marsden were present I read your recent letter regarding appropriation and a reply to mine earlier with a reply incorporated concerning presbyterial matters. After a discussion regarding the boat hull at Kake the following action was taken on which all four men voted aye.

"Resolved that the Board be asked to retain the boat hull at Kake and an appropriation be made on the next year's budget before other matter be considered."

I think the reasons for this would all crystalize around the fact that if we do not send our missionaries to the canneries in the summertime to look after the natives and whites that the Methodist people will do so, and many will be taken over by the Salvation Army which is now being the case.

Permit me to kindly call your attention to the early need of my knowing who will look after the field while I am gone on vacation. I wish the same to begin by October first and will expect the Board to take care of the pulpit while I am away, under the same as was agreed on before this church went to self support.

We are having the finest weather I have ever experienced in southern Alaska. We hope it will continue, altho it is very hard on church attendance. Already we have lost one half of our fine Bible school. But September will bring them all back again.

Most sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

Chairman Home Mission Committee

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Juneau, Alaska, July 13, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.

New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

Your letter of June 29th with enclosed budget for the Presbytery is here. I thank you for this revised budget as it will permit us to deal definitely with the men. One reason for misunderstandings in former years was that the Committee has been kept in ignorance with many points that might have been supplied by representatives of the Board both here and in New York.

On leaving, the General Missionary delegated Mr. Waggoner to countersign vouchers in his absence. I note yours is a delegation of this duty to the whole committee.

The Metlakatla situation is growing in activity. A week ago Mr. Marsden came to Juneau with a native for the hospital here and also brought a petition signed by a large number of people asking Presbytery to proceed at once to the organization of a Presbyterian church in Metlakatla, desiring that a committee be sent at once for the consummation of the event. It seemed best to us that Rev. Waggoner be asked to return to the city with our brother Marsden and look into the matter and if he deemed wise, after visiting the field with Rev. Falconer Moderator of presbytery also, to have a call issued for a meet of the presbytery looking toward the organization of a church in Metlakatla. Accordingly Mr. Waggoner went to the place and was there last Sunday with Rev. Falconer. I will quote a part of his letter. "At a meeting of representatives of the officials of the city we were invited and heard what they had to say. They were pleased with the courteous way the Committee had come at their invitation. Since the foundation of the town government there has been an ordinance that the people should vote on what church should care for the people after the death of Father Duncan. The council and the elders, the governing body of the religious life of the community, met and discussed the situation. They first considered whether the Episcopalian church should come into Metlakatla. The vote was unanimous against it. It was decided that either the Independent Metakathla Christian church should be continued, or that the Presbyterian church should be asked to take

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NORTHERN LIGHT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GEORGE G. BRUCE, PASTOR

JUNEAU, ALASKA

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July 29, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.

New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--In your letter of July 19 you ask that I secure a man to take my work while away, and that I confer with Dr. Condit. Dr. Condit will not return from the north until the middle of September. We hope to start outside Sept. 23d going direct to our old home in Iowa to visit my aged mother and relatives.

After seven years in Alaska we hope to escape as much cold weather as possible so plan to get to Iowa before the cold weather there. From Iowa we go to Los Angeles where we will take up some work in the Bible Institute. Since it was not possible to confer with Dr. Condit I called a meeting of the session. Some of the men have been in Alaska for a number of years and are well acquainted with the work. They ask that Rev. Denton of Haines be secured to take the field. Rev. Denton has preached here several times on his way to and from Presbytery. He is the nearest to Juneau and has only a wife and little boy, so his family could be brought to Juneau. We will leave the manse equipped so it will not be necessary for them to bring anything. I have written to him asking if he could come to Juneau and care for the work while I am away, leaving his interpreter or some lay worker to care for the work while he is gone. I would ask the Board that his transportation for himself and family be paid to and from Juneau, and the salary of a lay worker for his field during his absence. Fare to Haines is \$5.94 one way. Should the Board approve this arrangement it will mean much to the work in Juneau and we will leave knowing that every department of the work is well cared for. If the Board should not approve the only alternative as we see it is to leave the work in the care of Dr. Condit at the Board's request. May we hear very soon in regard to the matter.

We are looking forward to our vacation with much joy and hope of spiritual uplift. After several years in Alaska one does need a refilling. One splendid Christian woman who has been in the Master's work in Alaska for many years remarked to us the other day when she heard we were to have this splendid advantage: "Bring me back a big bag full." The missionaries are appreciating these vacations and are returning to their fields new men and women, taking up the Master's work with greater zeal and efficiency.

I have written to all the men as to the duties of the proposed pastor-at-large for the Presbytery and will send a digest of their replies when I hear from them.

Yours sincerely,

Geo G. Bruce

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Juneau, Alaska, Aug 3, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

Your letter of July 21 with enclosure from Dr. J. L. Myers came to hand yesterday. After a conference with Mr. Waggoner I am sending you the following. A bunch of letters setting forth the whole situation as it concerns the Episcopalian church and prepared by the people at Metlakathla and sent to us; also a letter from Mr. Waggoner after he had visited the field on his way to Synod, sending as much as bears on the question at issue, and this word in reply to yours of the 21 ult.,

I have never been on the field myself and all I can write is from what I get from the other men. The situation is complicated but I believe that it can be untangled at the coming meeting of Presbytery which will doubtless be called for the third Friday in September to meet at Metlakathla. A petition that a month ago had about 150 names thereon is still being circulated and is to be presented to presbytery for the organization of a Presbyterian church at Metlakathla. This petition was started after the misunderstanding which is delineated in the other correspondence herein.

Yes there are two factions in Metlakathla, and it is just such men as Dr. Myers who are responsible. He has had no love for Rev. Marsden for years and would like to get rid of him. The people seem to desire his services and would have no one to proclaim the Truth to them if he were withdrawn. He has performed a grander task for his people during the last year than ever. We have Mr. Lopps word for this in a recent letter. If outsiders uninvited would leave the people alone there they would solve their own problems to the joy and satisfaction of all the people.

The two factions are first, those who want the \$150,000 left by Duncan and therefore stand for the continuation of the Independent Christian church as formerly. Second, those who want an organized church and desire to be affiliated with an established denomination, and have voted that it shall be the Presbyterian. The latter appear to be largely in the majority. As to the number of them Presbytery will carefully inquire when they consider the petition.

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Mr Myers will have to define what "makes for discord." If he means giving the people the only gospel message, if he means leading^{and} organizing the people in all their economical and industrial enterprises with his superior counsel because of his exceptional educational advantages, if he means the urging of an English education along all lines American and for American citizenship our faithful brother Marsden is guilty.

The control of the church building at Metlakathla is in the hands of a large body of elders elected by the people and subject to government regulations. Rev. Marsden is asked by the elders not only Sunday mornings but Sunday evenings to preach to the people. But he comes only by invitation. He is not the head of the work. He does not open or close the services. An elder comes to the platform and always performs this duty. When Waggoner and Falconer were there both were visited to speak, one in the evening and the other in the morning, and had no other part in the service, the same as any man who speaks from the pulpit at Metlakathla. All the different religious services are held in this same building. Even the Salvation army speakers are invited to the pulpit there but always under the direction of the elder who is presiding, who always go to the platform and remains there during the service, even directing the taking up of the offerings.

I cannot say how large the faction is that is represented by the old Duncan regime, but I am confident with a little good judgment, giving the people a chance to regulate and found their own church and in their own way, that all will be well.

I trust I have sent you sufficient to give you a good knowledge of the present situation. We are expecting Dr. Condit to be home by the time of the meeting of Presbytery to give us his judgment in the matter. All members of Presbytery are of the opposite opinion of Dr. Myers and all are standing shoulder to shoulder in defense of our faithful but not always faultless brother Rev. Marsden.

With kindest regards I am

Most cordially yours,

Geo G Bruce

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Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 17, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
New York.

Dear Doctor Dixon:--

Mr. Beck was in the study yesterday and was telling me something of his summer's work and I thought you might like to hear from it. He has visited 12 canneries twice and come in contact with about 4,000 people I would suppose. At one cannery he was asked by the Supt. to have a talk with the Phillippinoes who were making trouble for the native girl's and "raising hell generally" as the Supt put it. After a talk with them, one quit work of his own accord, another was discharged from the cannery, and the Supt. was so pleased with Mr. Beck's services that he gave him 200 gallons of distillate for the "Lois".

At another cannery he found a native women who was selling her daughter to the white men of the cannery for \$5 a night, and compelling the girl to go. The girl came to Juneau on the boat with five men was here two days and had to be carried on the boat to return home, on a stretcher. He settled that matter and the woman now has planned to protect her daughter.

He found another place where the Mexicans were making trouble for the native girls and was able to offer some assistance to the unfortunate people whom he desires and is serving so admirably. The gospel is the only thing that will do these people any good and we need more such men to visit these places.

He found two Lieutenants from the Sub-chaser No. (I will not give it) drinking and they too are helping the conditions to continue as they are, instead of helping to relieve them as is their duty up here during the summer. The moonshine business is the greatest menace up here, and the government authorities located here are doing very little to relieve the situation. I was on the last Grand Jury meeting in June and I know. 13 joints were open here over the fourth of July and one of the Chaplains on a destroyer told me that this was the worst section he had visited for furnishing booze to the sailors. I am told the Democratic party is trying to discredit the prohibition question in Alaska, but they will never succeed.

Enough for this time. We are expecting to leave for the States the last week in September. Will write you later as to who will take the Chairmanship of the H.M. committee during my absence.

Most sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

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Dr. Young
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September 6, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.

New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

Your very kind letter received regarding the approval of the arrangement for Rev. C. G. Denton to take up the work here during my absence. I am especially glad of it as the people here asked for Mr. Denton. He preached here at the time of spring meeting of Presbytery and later it would be well for us to get him into a white church when we have need; he is a fine preacher. Then I am pleased also for one of the officers was very emphatic in his objection to the General Missionary taking the work for that length of time. During Mr. Waggoner's absence the General Missionary was over to Douglas three times, and the Salvation Army had almost established themselves in that time to the great grief of the work on Mr. Waggoner's return. It is the plan of the regular missionary on this field to visit Douglas each Sunday, and in the budget funds are appropriated for the ferry fares as you remember.

We are planning on leaving here on September 20th and will not go any too soon as Mrs. Bruce's physical condition is much run down. The summer's work has been very hard for the lack of workers

Permit us to thank the Board through you for the fine privilege this vacation will give us to rest and to get some inspiration from others for the good of the work on our return. I shall use every opportunity to assist in the progress of the work of the Board while absent from the field.

With kindest good wishes to you I am

Most cordially yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

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Juneau, Alaska, September 8, 1920.

Dr. Dixon
Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

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I am at last ready to send in the digest of the letters from the missionaries of Alaska presbytery concerning the matter of pastor-at-large. I have heard from all of them with one exception and they write with much interest and earnest thought for it has been a perplexing question as how to take adequate care of Alaska presbytery where is located many of the mission fields among the natives, especially, that are uncared for by actual services on the field, far more than they might be with different plans and provisions looking to this great need. The missionaries of the presbytery are a unit in a desire for some change in arrangement for the supply of fields. They feel that the work is too big and that the need is too great for one man to assume, and thus have asked the Board for an additional worker.

The men have discussed two propositions; One is that the work be divided between the General Missionary and the pastor-at-large with the lines so clearly cut that they will not overlap in service. In this plan the General Missionary to be responsible to the Board alone as now; and the Pastor-at-large be entirely under the direction of Presbytery in conjunction with the Board.

The other plan is that all the work of the Presbytery of Alaska shall be given over to the Presbytery, and the General Missionary be promoted to the work of the Yukon presbytery alone, which will include all the rest of Alaska outside of Alaska Presbytery; and a most considerable job in itself.

I will quote some of the remarks of the men written to me as Chairman of the Committee and to be compiled and sent to you that their minds may be made known to the Board. I will take from the various letters: "Regarding the office of General Missionary and Pastor-at-large I think if we could find the right man the two might be combined. Much of the heavy correspondence we have heard so much about could be carried on while enroute and while visiting the different stations."

"I have been very much disappointed in the lack of visitation on the part of the General Missionary. I feel that he

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has not kept in sufficient close touch with the men on their stations, which I think is necessary in order to understand the needs and to know what is being done."

"The native work in this presbytery is in a critical state of development just now, and the General Missionary with his eyes on the whole of Alaska cannot give the detailed attention that the different vacant fields require. Our native fields are no longer isolated as they were in the past. A larger and larger percent of them are influenced by the outside world. Left to themselves they are the prey of every advocate sent out by the radical labor unions, and work that has cost the Board years of labor and thousands of dollars to develop will be broken up by the missionaries of the different isms that are looking for new fields to propagate their nefarious creeds." "The (Salvation) Army takes a group of people off by themselves without providing adequate leadership and consequently does nothing for them."

"The crying need of our church, as well as other churches, is for men to get down into actual fields of labor and work, work, work."

"I believe such a man would accomplish a far greater work than the average man in the parishes, and would coordinate the work and keep the fields in touch one with the other and make for increased efficiency in the Presbytery."

"The General Missionary has not been able to supply outside of Juneau and these vacant fields have suffered."

This is sufficient to show the trend of their letters. As to the two propositions discussed. The great majority of the men think that the General Missionary has all he can do with Alaska outside of Alaska Presbytery and that the work should be given over to the Alaska Presbytery itself who would guide the pastor-at-large in the work which they feel ought to be done in the Presbytery, the Presbytery, of course, doing its work in entire conjunction with the will of the Board.

Thanking the Board for their patience and interest in this grave need of the work here I wish to submit the above for their gracious consideration.

Most cordially yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

Chairman Home Mission Committee,
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Juneau, Alaska, September 9, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.

New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

The arrangements are working out very nicely for our departure. We will be able to get the services of Mr. William Wells, of Sitka to take care of the Haines native work. And there is a white lady there whom we used to know in Fairbanks who will look after the white Sunday school. The salary of Mr. Wells will be as for Mr. Haldane at Hydaburg, and his transportation.

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The Committee have thought it wise to continue Mr. Wells services after my return, should all go well during the interim, and send him to Kluckwan until the end of the church year in the spring. I believe if we would use some of the natives and encourage them to prepare that we would be able to man some of the lesser fields and have very good results from their services. I believe the natives will be pleased with such encouragement and that it will help out materially in this difficult time to get white workers. Should you approve the plan we will look forward to keeping Mr. Wells for Kluckwan.

Thanking you again for the most courteous way you have cooperated in making it possible for us to be absent from this very important field, in which Mrs. Bruce desires heartily to be included I am

Most sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

P.S. We leave here on the 20th for Iowa. In thirty days we go to Los Angeles. Garden Grove, Iowa will always get me for address. The Committee has decided on Rev. David Waggoner assuming the place of Chairman of the Committee during my absence.

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1147 Irolo St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
Nov. 27, 1920

Rev. John Dixon D.D.
New York,

Dear Dr. Dixon:

I am in receipt
of a copy of "Rules for Vacation
for Alaska Missionaries" with the
following note on a little strip
of paper:

Juneau, Alaska, November
11, 1920

Dear Brother:

I am requested by
the Board to hand you the en-
closed for your guidance.

Cordially yours
James H. Condit "

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The envelope bears the return
of "James N. Condit Esq, Juneau
Alaska," but as there is no written
signature about it I am wondering
if someone is not playing a joke
on me. As the Board knows from
earlier correspondence that I
am endeavoring to fulfil article
6 of the rules, and that my
vacation is taken after over
seven years service instead of
five, I am perplexed and not
a little grieved that it has come
just now. The Board will re-
member, if reference is made to
correspondence, that I have
notified you that I was
intending, and am doing so
now, taking more than half
of the time in study here.

I made 16 addresses while in Iowa in three weeks.

I am deeply concerned about the health of my wife whom the Doctor tells me must take a rest, absolute rest, for one year on account of shattered nerves, due to her consecrated service in Alaska to bring the Northern Light-church to self support, and the splendid record that congregation has made. Mrs. Bruce is no better after a two months vacation.

The General Missionary knows I have a copy of the rules for he sent them when passed months ago.

I have received \$225.27 from

the Board as per "rule 6"
and have put in the estimated
expense below the actual cost,
as the Board has always been
kind to us. However if the
Board thinks we are not-
faithful to the rules we
will gladly return all this
amount, with interest, as
soon as we can return.

I believe, however, there
must be some mistake.

With the very kindest good
wishes I am

Most sincerely yours
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

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NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
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JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

December 3, 1920.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I believe it desirable that there be an expression of the Board's attitude toward vacations for men in Alaska who minister to self supporting churches.

At present we have but one such church--that of the Northern Light Church of Juneau. Its pastor, Rev. George G. Bruce, is now absent on his vacation and the Board is paying his expenses out and back as in the case of other men who have given five years of service on the Alaska field.

The Northern Light Church gives its pastor one month vacation each year according to the terms of the call issued. This, however, does not include travel expenses. It would seem to enter in, however, in considering the matter.

I may say that there is some feeling on the part of the session of the church because Mr. Bruce made no request of them for leave of absence. The Church assumed self support at the beginning of the year and is paying Mr. Bruce's salary during his absence. He drew his salary for three months in advance, upon leaving. The session did not understand why, under the new basis of self support, the Board should send their pastor off on a vacation and why he should assume to go without consultation with them.

My explanation was that inasmuch as Mr. Bruce had served for five years in Alaska prior to the advent of self support at Juneau he was entitled under the terms of the Board to travel expenses out and back and that farther than this the Board had no part in arranging for his absence.

It should also be said for Mr. Bruce that he arranged for a supply, at the Board's expense, by asking Rev. Mr. Denton of Haines, our missionary there, to come to Juneau and remain during his absence, which he has done. I am not satisfied that this is justice to the Haines field although the Board is asked to pay for the services of a native elder from Sitka who at the request of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery is now at Haines to lead in the native services. But no provision has been made at Haines for the white service.

In any event there should be an understanding as to the future along this line. It would seem to me that if the minister in charge of self supporting churches receives a monthly vacation under the terms of his call to the pastorate he should not expect an additional vacation at the end of five years. But if he has no other vacation allowance I would like to see him put on the same basis as missionaries of mission churches, provided that there is acquiescence on the part of the church of which he is the pastor.

Sincerely,

James H. Condit

Because
Therefore there might be a tendency to evade self support
it put a minister at disadvantage in vacation
privileges

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GEORGE G. BRUCE, D. D.
NORTHERN LIGHT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNEAU, ALASKA

1147 Frodo St. Los Angeles, Cal.

Dec. 9, 1920

Dear Dr. Dixon:

Your very kind letter of the 3d came this morning to lift-a load from our hearts. Many, many thanks. Some other folks are so hard to understand but all will be well now. We leave Seattle for Juneau on Christmas morning, a month earlier than our plans. Sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

December 17, 1920.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

Through some misunderstanding here there has been a delay in Board action concerning Mr. William Wells. It was voted yesterday to pay him \$75.00 per month from the first of October to the first of January, and the necessary cost of his traveling expenses between Sitka and Haines, not to exceed \$50.

The suggestion of the Home Mission Committee that Mr. Wells might be appointed to Kluckwan received careful consideration. It was the judgment of the Council, however, that it did not seem wise to employ uneducated Indians for anything like ordinary work, simply to use them in meeting special emergencies as arose at Haines because of the necessary absence of Mr. Denton and the inability to get anybody else to take his place.

We are still on the lookout for a minister for Kluckwan and also for the other vacancies in Alaska. This we are doing notwithstanding the financial condition and outlook of the Board which never was as dark in all of the twenty-two years of my knowledge of its affairs. The Board has already borrowed \$500,000. to pay for the work thus far this year. In addition to this, it began the year with a debt of \$238,000. Although I may be cast down I am not in despair.

Cordially yours, W. J. B. B.

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GENERAL MISSIONARY
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Juneau, Alaska,

Jan 14, 1921.

Rev.: John Dixon, D.D.,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr.: Dixon:--

We have had time for a little breathing spell after the strenuous work of getting into the harness, after an absence of 100 days. Our vacation has been a great spiritual uplift.

I spent as much time as possible at the Bible Institute while in Los Angeles, and Mrs. Bruce attended the lectures when her health permitted.

Rev. Denton has done good work while here considering the fact that he did not know the people or their places of residence. He tells me that he has received his traveling expenses from the Board. I hope the native--Mr. Wells--was able to do all that was expected of him while at Haines. While on the Foreign field we used all of the natives we could train for the work. I am not in accord with the Board that they should not be used up here, even tho they have no more training than some have. With a good overseer they would fill in the places where there is no one now.

Mrs. Bruce and I wish that you would thank the Board most generously for the vacation period we had in the States; these trips outside together with the rest they afford, and the opportunity to obtain new ideas where ideas seem to have melted entirely away, on account of the isolation, build up the missionary and give him new cheer for the work ahead.

And May the Lord gently guide you, Dr. Dixon, in the severe tasks to which you are called.

With every good wish for the Church I am
Very cordially yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

February 10, 1921.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

I have yours of January the fourteenth in which you say, "I am not in accord with the Board that they (Indian helpers) should not be used up here." It is evident that I have not made my opinion clear to you in regard to the use of Indian helpers. May I say that in my judgment the work of the Sitka school ought to have been brought into such close and vital relationship with the Presbytery that the best graduates from that school could be put in training under some competent minister appointed by the Presbytery for that purpose, and after several years of such training and study the Presbytery might be justified in ordaining some of these men so that they could minister to their own people as no white man can possibly do. This is the policy of the Board in its work amongst Indians elsewhere, amongst Mexicans and amongst the Porto Ricans. In an emergency such as arose upon your going on your vacation, there is no alternative but to engage the best available Indian helper in order to bridge the chasm until the minister returns. I have no doubt that Mr. Wells was just such a person and we have no fault to find either with him or with his work.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

March 23, 1921.

Rev. George G. Bruce,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Brother:-

The Treasurer's Office estimates that the accumulated debt of the Board on March the thirty-first will amount to about \$330,000. The Board, therefore, has been compelled to make serious reductions in every department of its work. To the Presbytery of Alaska has been appropriated the sum of \$15,185., according to the enclosed detailed statement. May I call your attention to several features in the distribution of this amount?

First,- the amount set apart for Metlakatla is only \$1000.

Second,-no provision has been made for the Klukwan field as it is our hope that Mr. Denton can take charge of it along with his work at Haines; and that Kassan can be handled by Mr. Falconer along with Ketchikan and Saxman.

Third,-the Board has made reductions in its appropriations for all of the missionaries' fields in varying amounts. It is the earnest desire of the Board that the Indians should immediately be taught the duty of stewardship and be canvassed for the largest possible sum which may be secured from them towards the missionaries' salary. Dr. Condit will be asked to promptly cooperate with the missionaries in their canvass of the communities in order to secure the full amount needed to continue the salary of the missionary at its present rate.

Fourth,- the Board will honor the vouchers of all the missionaries at the rate of \$1,600. per annum, if needed, for the next three months upon the understanding and agreement that after the canvass of the community there will be an adjustment between the missionary and the Treasurer's Office so that the amount named above for each field shall not be exceeded.

Fifth,- the Board regretted that it could not see its way clear to grant the request of the Presbytery for a Pastor-at-Large.

The Board took action upon the request of Dr. Young that he be permitted to go to Alaska at his own expense to labor in the vacant churches and to collect material for books and lectures. He is to spend four months in this work, after which he is to be allowed a two months' vacation.

The Board deeply deplores the fact that in the appropriation which it has made for Alaska there is an insufficient provision for the carrying on of all the work. This will make the burden heavier for every missionary. Should the financial prospects of the Board during the next fiscal year improve, the Board holds itself in readiness to give consideration to any request that may come from all the Presbyteries for an increased appropriation.

Rev. G. G. Bruce—2

March 20, 1921.

With earnest prayer for abundant blessings during the coming year, which is to be so full of financial trial, I am, as ever

Cordially yours,

Enclosures—

Clerk of the Board.

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EPISCOPATE OF ALASKA

Metlakatla	Rev. Edward Marsden	\$1,000.	
Kasaan)			
Ketchikan)	" F. R. Falconer	1,400.	
Sakman)			
Bayview	" E. B. Bromley	1,400.	
Hydaburg	_____	1,300.	
Wrangell(white-native)	" R. J. Diven, D.D.	1,000.	
Koko	" J. E. Fitzgerald	1,400.	
Douglas)			
Juneau-native)	" David Waggoner	1,300.	
Haines	" C. G. Denton	1,300.	
Skagway	" E. L. Winterberger	800.	
Hoonah	" George J. Beck	1,400.	
Sitka-native-white)	" R. A. Buchanan	<u>1,200.</u>	\$13,500.
Rents and Travel			1,000.
Repairs			475.
Ketchikan - Rent and Maintenance			150.
Kake - Water Pipe			<u>60.</u>
Total - - - -			\$15,185.

March 28, 1921.

Rev. Geo. G. Bruce, D.D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Bruce,

The Board, at its meeting Thursday, agreed to my request that I be sent for four months, beginning about May 1st, to Alaska and that I be granted at the end of that time a two months vacation which I also expect to spend in Alaska.

I am going primarily to collect material for books and for lectures. Also with the sanction of your Committee, I am to go first to Wrangell and attempt to bring that scattered and distracted mission together and supply them until Dr. Diven arrives, which I suppose will be about the first of July. I shall not attempt to do anything about the building, preferring to leave that to Diven with your Committee. I am paying the travelling and other expenses of my trip out of funds which were given me for the survey which did not go through, and which the donors have gladly consented that I should use as I see fit.

I intend to employ Mrs. Tilly Paul Tamaree for a month or more to get the right line on Alaska legends, customs, songs, etc., and to refresh my memory about the history of that mission and of other Alaska missions during the period of from 1878 to 1888.

In this connection I wish to ask whether the Presbytery has made any recommendation about the payment of Mrs. Tamaree for her services during the past year. We understand that she has held services in the old church almost continually during the year it has been vacant. If so, she ought to be compensated for this service. I think we can arrange that she be paid from the salvage which has accumulated because of the vacancies at Wrangell, Hydaburg, and Klukwan. Will you kindly bring this matter up before the Committee and let us know as soon as possible. I am writing on this subject to-day because Dr. Dixon is absent and I want a letter to reach you, if possible, before the meeting of the Presbytery.

Dr. Dixon will write about the strenuous time we have all been passing through in trying to reduce our budgets to meet the demands of the Executive Commission. It has been a sad, blood-letting process and Alaska has been hit very hard. We labored for many days in our effort to fulfill the commands of the Commission and yet to avoid crippling the work too much.

To revert to my own plans, when Dr. Diven arrives at Wrangell, I shall be ready to go to Hydaburg if that mission is not supplied at the time or to Sitka to supply that church until Mr. Buchanan returns from his vacation. About August 15th my vacation should begin. I hope to spend it in the region

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Juneau, Alaska, April 12, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.
New York.

Dear Dr. Young:-- I am in receipt of your letter of March 26th, and we were very glad to have a word as we have not heard from you for a long time.

I took up the matters in your letter at the meeting of presbytery which met in Juneau, on account of the fact that the "Lois" engine would not run at the last minute, for the regular meeting at Klawock.

In regard to Mrs. Tilly Paul Tamaroe, I was not aware that she was doing any extra work at Wrangell, but we are glad to know that she has done much, as we also learn from the other men at the presbyterial meeting. Presbytery could not see any way whereby she could receive anything for her services, but if the Board can plan it the same would be approved, and is approved, by presbytery.

The Board certainly hit the presbytery pretty hard, and it is going to make a great hardship on the men in some of the fields. The cutting of the salary \$200 means that will be all they will get, as the churches can scarcely pay their church expenses and interpreter as it is. If the General Missionary will visit the fields as the Board suggests and assist the men, some fund may be raised, but I doubt whether much of consequence will result.

We are very happy in the fact you are coming north and you will enjoy the trip, giving you full opportunity to get the needed information for your lectures and book writing. You will find a great welcome with us, and you must plan a visit with us.

Presbytery just closed late yesterday and the Home Mission committee cannot get off its report on this boat, but I am trying to make it for this letter.

Mrs. Bruce has had a severe siege of influenza and is just getting back on her feet. She joins most heartily in sending our love to you.

As ever your friend,

Geo. G. Bruce

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Juneau, Alaska, April 20, 1921.

D. Marquis
Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

I am enclosing herein the action taken by Presbytery at its late meeting in Juneau, which was to have been held in Bayview but at the last minute the engine failed to run because of needed repairs. We are very grateful to acknowledge in a letter from Dr. Young that the Board has some \$300 from Mr. Childs that may be used for the repairs to the boat.

Presbytery expresses two regrets; viz: That the Board does not see fit to grant a Pastor-at-large which is so sorely needed, and that it appears to regard the evidence in the Metlakathla situation given by Dr. Myers as superior to that offered by the Presbytery. Of course we recognize the Board right to do so, but believing that the Board can have a clear vision only by being on the ground we have recommended that Dr. Marquis come in person and see for himself, and also obtain the angle of vision that the native possesses.

I do not believe that any of the recommendations need explanation further than is written within them, and I hope you will feel free to ask for lucidation where they are not clear.

We are glad to have Dr. Young's word that he will be in the north soon. The vacation will be a grand pleasure to him as it will be like coming home.

We are hoping that Dr. Condit will visit the fields this summer and fall so the Board can get from their representative the problem of raising money.

Most sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

May 3, 1921.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

Your letter of April the twentieth is received and I am obliged to you for your kindness in sending on the recommendations of the Home Mission Committee. I could wish that Dr. Marquis, or even such an one as myself, might have the privilege of meeting with the brethren of the Presbytery of Alaska when it is in session. It would seem as if the brethren had a wrong impression concerning the administration of Home Board affairs in Alaska. I ardently hope that I am entirely mistaken. What I mean is, in the first recommendation occurs the phrase, "Inasmuch as the Board does not see fit to grant the request of Presbytery for a Pastor-at-large"; that phraseology seems to indicate that the Board was not in sympathy with forward movements on the part of the Presbytery and arbitrarily declined the request for a Pastor-at-large. I desire to assure you, and through you all of our brethren, that there is no such thought or feeling here. We are more than ready to cooperate with the Presbytery in every forward-looking movement which will improve the plan of carrying on our work in Alaska. Both last year and this year, the Board has been seriously hampered by the lack of funds. Surely, the brethren believe this statement.

The other point which occurs to me is that the Presbytery seems to have the impression that the administration here is somehow under the influence of the trustees of the Duncan will. This is very far from being the fact. Indeed, a different state of mind exists here concerning these trustees. Again and again to Dr. Condit and others have I assured our friends in Alaska that the trustees of the will have no influence or control over our work. It is true that the brethren on the field have not only a closer but a clearer view of the situation there than those who can possibly have who are far removed. But will not the brethren believe us when we say that it is more than possible that the administration in New York may have a better view of the outside situation than those who live close to a given field; that both the close view and the better view are to be fully considered in determining any given case.

But enough for the present. Kindly do all that you can to persuade the brethren that the officers of the Home Board are their most sincere and devoted friends, and believe me to be

Cordially yours,

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Juneau, Alaska, May 18, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

Your letter of May 3d is before me. I am glad you have written it. I am quite reluctant to write what I think in the matter as I know the difficulties of the Board, and I would not add to their tasks a word of discouragement, or appear to be criticizing their plan and policy. Then, too, Dr. Young is soon to be on the field and a talk with him will be better than a letter. I will say, however, that we are quite disappointed that we have no one in this presbytery to do the work of a practical pastor-at-large, and can see no immediate remedy. I see no way to raise money among the natives unless someone beside the missionary on the particular field do it. Letters to us inform the men that their salaries will be paid at the old rate until three months from April first, and then an adjustment will be made, presumedly, after the General Missionary has made a canvass of the congregations. This will fail as the natives cannot be seen in the summertime, and already six weeks of the time has elapsed and the General Missionary is still in the city. The Home Mission committee will have a conference with Dr. Young and endeavor to place matters of interested to all concerned before him.

Tomorrow the Assembly meets for business. You will doubtless attend and receive it, fine inspiration and spiritual uplift. R. A. Buchanan and his elder are our representatives.

The engine of the "Lois" is in the shops undergoing repairs and we hope will soon be in commission again.

With kindest regards for success in the problems of the church divested upon you I am

Most sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

June 1, 1921.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

Yours of May eighteenth has been received while Dr. Dixon is absent from the office for a few days. He is expected to return next week. Your letter will be placed on file for his attention at that time.

Sincerely yours,

I. For Dr. Dixon.

LESTER D. HENDERSON
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

MARIE DRAKE
SECRETARY

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JUNEAU, ALASKA

June 30, 1921.

Dr. J.H. Condit,
Frye Hotel,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Dr. Condit:

At an informal meeting of the Session of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church held last Sunday, Dr. Bruce informed the Session that he considered it best to terminate his connection with the Northern Light Presbyterian Church as soon as matters could be conveniently arranged. He intimated that he would take action at once, looking toward securing another charge. No definite date for his withdrawal from the field was settled. However, Dr. Bruce intimated that we might expect his withdrawal at any time within the next six months, and preferably within that time.

Our object in bringing this matter to your attention is that you may be on the lookout for a successor to Dr. Bruce. You are in a position to advise us regarding those who might possibly be applicants for this charge, and we would be pleased to receive any suggestions which you may have to offer. We realize that you are no doubt very busy planning the details of your trip to the North, and will thank you for whatever attention you are able to give to our needs.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Session of the Northern Light
Presbyterian Church,

By Lester D. Henderson
Clerk.

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Members of the Session:

M. B. Summers
M. A. Little

P.S. We would suggest you say nothing to the public for the present. We have made no announcement here.

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July 6, 1921

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,
156 5th Avenue, New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I enclose two letters for your perusal.

Regarding the proposed resignation of Mr. Bruce at Juneau I have also had word from Dr. Young to whom Mr. Bruce had written regarding it. I am not surprised at his action for he probably realizes that his official Board will not follow him farther in his pessimistic program. It would have been only a matter of time until there would have been open rupture over the question of the continual preaching along one line.

What I am particularly interested in now is to make sure that his successor shall be sound in doctrine. Dr. Young suggests that it might be wise to "look to the east". Anyway to get a man who is not in the clutches of this western cult.

To get the man we ought to have at Juneau more salary would have to offer than the church is now able to pay. They are raising \$2,000 for Mr. Bruce and suggest that they might be able to do a little better. We need a man who is a builder and the community demands a man who can command respect in the chief city of the Territory. If it were in any way possible I would like to have a salary of at least \$2500 to offer even if the Board had to supplement to that extent. How to avoid ill feeling on the part of the men who are serving the native churches at \$1600 is the problem.

Will you kindly keep this matter in mind and if you so are inclined write to Mr. Henderson expressing interest and willingness to assist to a man if one offers in the east. I will look around in the west also but can not render much service until my return in the fall.

There are two other letters, instead of one. They have to do with the situation at Metlakatla. Will you kindly return these to my file at your leisure.

Mr. Hamilton is connected with the Bureau in Washington, D.C.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

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Juneau, Alaska, July 27, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.

New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

Mr. Bromley writes me that his vacation is due this year but as he was^{not} at presbytery he was not able to get his request in for the necessary expenses allowed by the Board in helping the missionaries when they take the vacation allowed. He proposes however that he take the expense himself and be reimbursed in the budget for next year. We will be glad to approve this matter that he may go as he ought, and the expense the Board allows be placed in the next year's budget.

This leaving of Rev. Bromley only makes another argument for a pastor-at-large which we have been asking for two years. It will leave his field vacant at a time when the natives are at home and need the kind ministrings of the missionary. The Salvation army has located now in Juneau to complicate our work here, and we know only too well how much trouble they have made in our fields in many places in the presbytery. Bayview will be open for them this winter and like Hydaburg in the past have its problem this winter when Mr. Bromley goes.

Dr. Young has been with us for about a week. He brings his fine optimism, his great unselfishness and his missionary activity along with him. He is visiting all the fields and camps as he goes, and is being received with open arms. My church was packed with people on last Sunday morning to hear his sermon on "The Second Mile" and it was a pure Alaskan address. One woman told him she was repaid coming from Florida to have heard it. A great number of old timers were in the audience. He left yesterday on the "Lois" for Sitka.

Most sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

August 8, 1921.

Rev. George G. Bruce,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bruce:

I am glad to make report to you that the Executive Council today voted to follow the recommendation of your Committee, and accept Mr. Bromley's offer to finance his vacation, and that the Presbytery will include it in ^{its} ~~his~~ budget next year, when the Board will repay him.

Will you kindly arrange with Mr. Bromley ^{as to} ~~in~~ the care of his work during his absence, incurring the smallest possible expense, consistent with the proper supervision of the field?

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

JD:CH

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Juneau, Alaska,

August 18, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

Dr. S. Hall Young together with
Reverends Beck and Waggoner have just this evening
returned from their trip to the westward with Sitka
as the farthest point.

The Home Mission Committee has care-
fully examined Dr. Young's report of the work of the
several fields visited and desire to herewith most
heartily approve the same. This delineation of the
needs and successes of the several fields of the Alas-
ka presbytery is a comprehensive compilation of the
work done and the points stresses by Dr. Young will
assist much the Members of the Council to arrive at
a workable conclusion. We most willingly approve the
findings of the report as to the necessity of the
Board caring for the salaries of the missionaries
in full so that there will be no embarrassment or
need of seeing elsewhere for funds to tide the mis-
sionary's family over this most exceptional need.

Most sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

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REV. JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D.
GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska,

August 25, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.

New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

Replying to yours of August 8th concerning
the vacation of Rev. E. E. Bromley.

I have talked over the matter with rev. Waggoner and Dr. Young who have visited the field recently as Dr. Young's late report will show, and we are all agreed that a critical condition exists at Bayview and will need someone with wisdom and experience to handle the situation. Rev. Bromley has been losing his congregation and members to the Salvation army and seems powerless to hold them to our own church. We do not consider him one of the strongest men of the Presbytery but we feel that he has done the best he could. In view of this field condition we are quite agreed that the General Missionary should take this important work during the time of Rev. Bromley's absence and the Committee so recommend. This action is taken in view of the reduction of funds and would save the Board the salary of a man whom we might be able to select among the natives, and whose wisdom surely could not equal that of the General Missionary with years of experience.

In regard to a former letter to you in re George Haldane I have learned from Dr. Young that Rev. Story reached the field at Hydaburg on about July 13th.

Most sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

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REV. JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D.
GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska,

September 26, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

I have this day tendered my resignation as member of the Home Mission Committee of this presbytery. I wish to express the keen pleasure that has been mine in the correspondence that has been a part of the position, with the Board at New York. I shall miss these kind and courteous letters. Should you desire me to suggest one to whom you may correspond until my successor is chosen, I would write the name of Rev. E. L. Winterberger, Skagway, Alaska.

Most sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

October 10, 1921.

Rev. George C. Bruce, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

We have your notice of having tendered your resignation as a member of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Alaska. Permit me to say that it is not only with a sincere regret but with a regret unusually marked that we part company with you. You have been such an efficient Chairman and such a satisfactory correspondent that I am very loath to say goodbye to you.

You suggest the name of Rev. E. L. Winterberger. I take it that it is for the Presbytery to take action and doubtless the committee has power in the interim to select its own chairman. We shall be only too glad to recognize Mr. Winterberger as Chairman of the Committee.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

JD/1.

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SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

Juneau, Alaska, December 19, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

In talking over the conditions of the needs of both Hydaburg and Bayview during the absence of their pastors Dr. Story and Rev. Bromley, Dr. Young, Rev. Waggoner and myself have decided that someone should be commissioned by the Board to assist in holding those congregations together until the pastors return or some other arrangement is made. Now it seems very doubtful whether Dr. Story will be able to return at all. His condition is such that he is still under the Doctor's care, and his mind seems to be affected. Rev. Bromley will, of course, return at the end of his vacation period, as far as we now know, which will be the first of February. Now in a meeting at both Hydaburg and Bayview of the elders and deacons it was unanimously agreed by the brethren that some one should care for the fields during the interim. At Hydaburg John S. Brown was chosen. In order that he might do the work well he should receive some remuneration as did Mr. Haldane before him. We therefore recommend that he be paid the sum of \$75 per month until the first of April from December first 1921. At a like meeting in Bayview Jack Peratrovich was chosen to care for the congregation for two months beginning December 1st. In conversation with Dr. Young when he was there these two ^{Young & Peratrovich} gentlemen decided on \$50 per month for Mr. Peratrovich which would be satisfactory for him and with him. We therefore recommend that he be paid the sum of \$50 per month for the two months.

In thinking over the matter you will see this is a wise solution for these fields during this time and will be far less expensive than ~~if~~ a man should leave one of the other fields to its detriment while he is away looking after these fields.

Further details in regard to these needy fields will come in Dr. Young later reports.

Most respectfully submitted,

Geo. E. Bruce,
David Waggoner

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New York City.

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Most respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Geo. G. Bruce
David Waggoner.

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December 28, 1921.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

In Dr. Dixon's absence from the office over the holidays, permit me to acknowledge the receipt of the communication dated December the nineteenth, and signed by yourself and Mr. Waggoner, making recommendations concerning the Hydaburg and Bayview fields. The matter will have Dr. Dixon's attention as soon as possible after his return.

Very sincerely yours,

For Dr. Dixon.

NORTHERN LIGHT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GEORGE G. BRUCE, PASTOR

JUNEAU, ALASKA

December 31, 1921.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.]

Dear Dr. Marquis:--

In a few days Mr. H. L. Faulkner will appear at your office. Mr. Faulkner has gone east to New York in the interest of one of the large mines north of Juneau. He is an attorney of note among us, a member of the Northern Light Presbyterian church in which he is deeply interested, and holds the high position of President of the Board of Trustees.

The growth of the membership of the church, and of the congregations, and especially the Bible school has compelled us to seek plans and means of providing an adequate place of worship that the people may be taught the Word of God and their children trained in the way they should go. We have outgrown the present edifice and need a larger building.

Mr. Faulkner will present to the Board of Church Election our plans, and it would be a very kind act on your part if you would introduce him to Dr. Wylie and such other officials of the Board whom he should see in order that he may place before them our requirements.

I am hoping that Mrs. Faulkner will also call with her husband at the Board rooms that they together may get a larger idea of what Presbyterian means to us all. You will find meeting them a fine pleasure.

Most faithfully yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

January 16, 1922.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

The Executive Council took up today the request of your committee concerning Hydaburg and Bayview recommending that Mr. John S. Brown be appointed to care for the work at Hydaburg at a salary of \$75.00 per month from the first of December, and Mr. Peratrovich for the work at Bayview for two months from December first at \$50. per month.

The Council was very sympathetic and fully recognized the importance of the work being cared for during the prolonged absence of the pastors from these fields, but the fact that the Board has borrowed \$675,000. to care for the current work already pledged, and also, in view of the action of the Board at its September meeting requiring the Council to refrain from making any additional grants, left the Council no choice but regretfully to decline the recommendations to the above-mentioned fields.

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

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GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska, February 2, 1922

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
938 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon--

I am enclosing you the estimates from the Alaska Presbytery which the committee has specially prepared so that you would have the same in full time to look them over carefully before the time should arrive to consider them in Council.

I wish to say of them that the Home Mission Committee spend a great deal of time in trying to cut them to the lowest limit so that the work would not suffer, and as much as possible be spared the Board on account of the desperate condition of the Treasury of the Church. Dr. Young was in conference with us and we debated each item, with the full knowledge of the fields before us. We had a great many new ideas for the advancement of the work but placed nearly all of them aside so that the necessary annual appropriations could be made for the work already inaugurated.

For manning the fields another year we are hoping in some instances to combine our work with that of the Educational work of the Territory so that the Federal Government teacher may be the missionary's wife and thus their salary be obtained from the two sources thus helping us materially. We are not sure what can be done, but the work will suffer as we have only asked for an amount sufficient when supplemented from the Territorial sources. The two fields for which we hope to thus plan is Angoon and Klukwan. Should the Territory be able to thus supplement our present plans these fields will be cared for as we hope, otherwise they must take what we can get.

The Kake boat has been a big problem for us. Five years ago it could have been completed for just about half what is now necessary. We are hoping the Board can make this appropriation as it will turn awry all our west coast plans if it does not go through. The Tornado must be fixed at the coast designated if it is to be safe for travel. A missionary's life is not safe in it as it now is.

Other items will be self explanatory as written. Wishing the Board a large increase in offerings before the end of the fiscal year and praying God's blessing on them in their appropriations for the ensuing year I remain

Most sincerely

Geo. G. Bruce

Chairman Home Mission Committee.
Presbytery of Alaska

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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1922,
April 1st to March 31st, 1923.

FIELD	SALARY	BOATS & TRAVEL	MISCL.
HAINES	\$1450		Manes repair \$50
SKAGWAY	800		
HOONAH	1400	\$600 LOIS	
KLUKWAN	500		
ANGOON	450		Rent 120
KAKE	1400		
SITKA	1000 1100		
JUNEAU	1500	100 Ferry	
WRANGELL	1100		
KETCHIKAN	1500	192	
METLANATLA	1250		
BAYVIEW	1000 900		
HYDABURG	900	Native Worker	
KASAAN	900	" "	
Presbytery		175	175
Emergency Repairs			150
BOAT "TORNADO"		500 Fuel & Repairs	<u>\$320</u>
Kake Boat		300	INSTALL ATION 4289
TOTALS	14750 16750	\$1867	Repairs \$320 Installation \$4289

Browley Vacation 500
Legal Expenses & Insurance 50
Travel of missionaries in/out 750
Pastor Evangelist 1600
Presbyterian School 1000

February 14, 1922.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

I have your favor of February the second, giving a copy of the estimate for Alaska Presbytery for next year. I shall immediately place them in the hands of the committee of the Executive Council having all budget items in charge, and will write you further at a later date.

With best wishes, I am, as ever

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

February 17, 1922.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:

I want to thank you, in my own behalf and in behalf of the Board of Home Missions, for your interest in and care of our good friend Dr. Young during his sickness. We are all very much concerned about him and have been ever since he went to Alaska, although he tells us this concern is entirely unnecessary inasmuch as he is far safer in Alaska than he is in the wilds of New York City. We all love him dearly and are anxious about him. He has written me about the kindness of yourself and Mrs. Bruce to him while he was on his back, and I want you to know that we all appreciate it very much.

Wishing you every blessing in your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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NORTHERN LIGHT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GEORGE G. BRUCE, D. D. PASTOR

JUNEAU, ALASKA

February 28, 1922.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:--

Mrs. Bruce and I appreciate very highly the kind remarks you make about our care of Dr. Young during his siege with sciatica. He was in our home several weeks and it was a joy to us both. We sometime ago adopted him as our Alaska Daddy and it is always a pleasure to have him in our home. Any care we give him is many times over returned to us by his kind solicitations of our good from him. He is one of the most wonderful men I have known for thoughtfulness and unselfishness.

Permit me however to say a word in behalf of Dr. Young and his work for Alaska. He is very anxious to become permanent in the present position he occupies, and I believe it will be a great mistake on the part of the Board if he is not permitted to live in Alaska the rest of his days. The Board of Home Missions will remember that he is in his 75 years filled with vigor and ambition. He tells me that your plans are for him to come back to New York this next winter. I question whether the old gentleman can stand the travel through the east and middle west, at his age, in the rigors of that climate. You appreciate that about the hardest work a middle aged man can do is to travel for speaking. Being up all hours of the night, sitting in cold rooms, catching cold on stuffy trains, speaking from night to night and every night. Dr. Young is getting too old to stand it, and, in my opinion, he ought to be relieved of it the rest of his days except as he shall choose. And I write all this knowing full well his wonderful power yet in drawing an audience.

As to you being solicitous about his welfare up here I am glad to say he never was so happy and contented in his life. Of course it is not ideal to be alone with his family in New York, necessitating the keeping of two homes, but he is as warm and comfortable as he has ever been. During the hard wind of the past month when so much plate glass was blown in in the city, his house was so sheltered by the hill that he did not know the wind was blowing. He has plenty of electric light about the house which costs but 5¢ per kilowatt and a cook stove with three lids above and a fine oven that costs 2¢ per kilowatt to operate. It is cheaper than coal for cooking and far better. Plenty of hot water all the time from a large tank connected with the heating stove, which is the only fire in the house. If a place of more comfort can be found I have never seen it.

I have just completed five years in Juneau, In that time I have seen it below zero twice, zero once, 3 above once, and 7 above twice. Very seldom does the wind blow. Now if you can find a better climate than that from New York to the Rockies north of Missouri I would like to learn of the locality. I have lived in New York and Iowa.

Then Dr. Young is so fitted for his work and the men up here want him to stay. We can't afford to lose him. You can let all the members of the Board see this for we want Dr. Young.

He has the confidence of the men, and all the men up here. I don't know where his successor can be found who can do the work anything like he can. He can be kept in his office in bad weather and what a might pen he can use!

I am very glad to send you the true condition of his wants and needs and hope he will be left to us.

With all good wishes for a number of large gifts in the closing hours of the year for the work I am

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

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April 13, 1922.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

I am enclosing the report of the Home Mission Committee to Presbytery meeting at Metlakatla. I believe it will be easy of comprehension and will be supplemented by the report of the General Missionary.

One or two items in the recommendations may need a word of further explanation.

Recommendation Ninth: That no grants made by the Board be diverted to other stations or fields than at the time the estimate are made in the spring.

It appears that Bayview was granted a certain sum last year for repairs and when it was called for to make the repairs the money had been used by some other station, or at least was not available.

The Home Mission Committee would like to know the Board's disposition of each one of its recommendations as soon thereafter as is convenient to report. This will assist the Committee in keeping check on work done and assist in further work for the Presbytery.

Again assuring the Board of our sympathy in the mammoth problem of adjustments of funds and praying God to give wisdom and strength to you all I am

Most respectfully yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

Chairman Home Mission Committee
Presbytery of Alaska.

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Budget Estimates for Year 1922,

Revised in Presbytery at Metlakatla April 5, 1922.

FIELD	SALARY	BOATS & TRAVEL	MANSE REPAIRS	MISCL.
HAINES	\$1450		\$ 50	
SKAGWAY	800			
HOONAH	1400	"Lois" \$600		
KLUKWAN	500	*Combined salary with teacher Bureau of Education		
ANGOON	450	*(Native)		Rent \$120
KAKE	1400	100		
SITKA	1000			
JUNEAU NATIVE	1500	Ferry 100		
WRANGELL	1100			
KETCHIKAN	1500	192		
KASAAN	900	* Lay worker		
METLAKATLA	1400	200		
BAYVIEW (HANEGA)	1400	200	225	
HYDABURG	1400			
PRESBYTERY		175		
EMERGENCY REPAIRS			150	
KAKE BOAT		300		\$4289
	\$16200	\$1667	\$425	\$4289
Totals				Rent 120

April 25, 1922.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

I have just received the report of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery for which I sincerely thank you. I note what you say about recommendation No. 9, enforcing it by the failure of the Board to follow the distribution of the manse repair items in the budget as made by the Presbytery. Kindly permit me to say that the Presbytery a year ago made a detailed request for manse repairs in five items amounting to a total of \$565. The Board did not grant this total sum nor did it make any specific recommendation, but appropriated \$475. for manse repairs and this sum was paid out upon requisitions by the Presbytery in the order in which the Presbytery presented them. You will thus see that there was no specific repair item either for Bayview or any other place.

The report and recommendations will have consideration by the Board and I will make report thereon as soon as the Board acts.

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

MAY 25 1922

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Juneau, Alaska, May 16, 1922.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:—

The Home Mission Committee has taken the amounts granted to the Presbytery of Alaska and distributed them as herein enclosed to be approved by the General Missionary if he so agrees. The salaries asked for the ordained missionaries fell short by \$150 and \$15 has been taken from each of the ten men included.

Through correspondence with the Board by wire \$500 additional has been added to the Board's appropriations for the "Lois" this summer in order that the program could be carried out with Mr. Penfield whom we learn will sail on the Princess Louise from Vancouver on May 20th reaching Juneau four days later. This makes this item \$1100 as originally asked.

Regarding your letter of April 25 in re recommendation No. 9 of my report of Presbytery would state that it was exceeding unfortunate last year that the Home Mission Committee was not given the privilege of countersigning all vouchers or requisitions for funds in the absence of the General Missionary. We have learned since that each one of the Missionaries were instructed to send in their requisitions directly to the Board, such instructions it appears was issued by the General Missionary himself. And contrary to your word in the above letters to me as follows: "manse repair sums were paid out upon requisitions by the Presbytery in the order in which the Presbytery presented them," the Presbytery or Home Mission Committee knew nothing of these expenditures until the funds were exhausted which were to have been used in the repair of the roof of the manse at Klawock, instead of the manse at Hydaburg. The manse at Klawock is in need of repairs which will total \$225. The gutters of the roof are gone and the house will soon need much additional repair should the present needs be deferred. Then too the water supply for the house at Klawock is obtained from the water that is gathered from the roof of the manse. We can scarcely see how this item can be delayed for a year and believe it should be added to the budget for Alaska Presbytery this year. You will readily see why recommendation No 9 which is as follows was made by Presbytery:

"Ninth: That no grants made by the Board be diverted to other stations or fields other than as provided by the Board at the time the estimates are made in the spring."

I shall await you further letter telling of the disposition made of the entire report and recommendation of Presbytery.

I am mailing today a copy of this letter to Dr. Young at Fairbanks together with the estimates who will inform you if they meet his approval. With kindest regards I am

Faternally yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

TENTATIVE ADJUSTMENT OF BOARD'S GRANT TO PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

Salaries Ordained Missionaries

Haines	\$1435
Skagway	785
Hoonah	1385
Kake	1385
Sitka	9985
Juneau Native	1485
Wrangell	1085
Ketchikan	1485
Metlakatla	1385
Bayview	1385
	<u>\$12800</u>

Lay Missionaries

Hydaburg	\$900
Kasaan	900
Klukwan	500
	<u>\$ 2300</u>

Boats & Travel

Lois	\$600 *
Ferry-Juneau	100
Ketchikan	<u>192</u>
	<u>\$892</u>

Presbytery (For the Expense of the meeting of Presbytery)
\$175

Miscel.	Repairs	Haines Manse	\$500
		Emergency	<u>150</u>
			<u>\$200</u>

Legal Expense and Insurance	\$150
Bromley Vacation Expense	500
Falcener " "	300
Travel of Missionaries in and out	1000

Total for Presbytery of Alaska April 1, 1922-- March 31, 1923 \$ 18317---

* In the original Grant the \$500 given by Mr. Childs was deducted & leaving a balance of \$100 to be paid by the Board. In answer to wire and to insure Mr. Penfield's visit on the Lois, the Board restored the \$500 additional asked and made the funds available for the work of the Lois \$1100. This makes a total for the year of \$18817

(18317)
\$500. given
by Mr. Childs
not included

JUL 18 1922

Skagway, Alaska, July 7, 1922.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

I have your letters, three of them, the last few days which have been forwarded to me here where Mrs. Bruce and I are taking a little vacation.

I have sent two of them to Mr. Waggoner requesting him to answer them as he has the files and I am not quite familiar with them to write from here.

The letter regarding Mr. Bromley I will not answer until I get home in a couple of weeks.

*(In re vacation
expenses -*

I usually go out to Synod in Washington each year but this year Mrs. Bruce wanted to come to a quiet place in the north, and with the exception of the wind blowing all the time, we are having it extremely quiet. One of the men remarked that the town is dead and the people too, and the only reason they are walking around at all is to save funeral expenses. We have a room in the old parsonage which Dr. Young erected in the early days, and are enjoying the rest and recreation.

By the time we return Mr. Varian Banks will have arrived in Juneau and it will be our fine pleasure to assist in his entertainment. I believe he will be the first of the staff of the Board who have visited this section of the field for some years.

Dr. Young went to Seattle for Synod's sessions as did also Rev. Mr. Winterberger. The town here is alive with tourists when the boats arrive, and then quiet when the boat leaves. Mr. Winterberger has a book in his church quite filled with the names of people who have attended services or stopped in the church and registered.

Yesterday was an eventful day in the town when Mr. C. O. Prest, aviator, who is flying over into Siberia, arrived. You will recall some time ago that he left Buffalo, N.Y.

Assuring you that we will attend to all the letters of correspondence as best we can and promptly I am

Very cordially yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

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OF ALASKA

REV. DAVID WAGGONER,
JUNEAU, ALASKA
STATED CLERK AND TREASURER

REV. S. HALL YOUNG, D. D.,
GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska, August 21, 1922.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

One of the items that passed the Home Mission Committee at its session on August 1, 1922, at which session was present: Dr. Young, Mr. Banks, Mr. Waggoner, Mr. Beck and myself, is the following:

"It is the opinion of the Home Mission Committee and Dr. S. Hall Young in conference with Rev. G. J. Beck and Mr. Varian Banks of the Board, that Rev. J. Roscoe Fitzgerald be relieved from his field at Kake. This conclusion is reached because of dissatisfaction expressed at different times by his people, and also by representatives of the Bureau of Education. It seems to the Committee to the best interests of the Field and Mr. Fitzgerald that he seek another field.

" We recommend that his salary be continued until November 1st, 1922 and that his necessary freight expense for the removal of his goods be allowed. The appraisement of the heavier articles of furniture be made and the same purchased by the Board in accordance with the Board's action in 1919-20.

"It is recommended that the Board correspond with Mr. Fitzgerald to this end."

Dr. Dixon we are sorry to have to recommend the above but Mr. Fitzgerald does not appear to fit into the work in the north. Perhaps it has been brought to your attention that a southern missionary has scarcely ever been a success in this field of the north, as it seems he is prejudiced against the natives on account of living with the negroes of the south where prejudice is always strong, and therefore, these men do not learn to love their people up here.

Mr. Fitzgerald is very objectionable as to his personal appearance and looks ragged and dirty beyond any necessity. He has a temper that is somewhat difficult to handle and appears to have lost the confidence of the people of his field. The people have been dissatisfied for some time but it has come to our ears especially of late and so the above action. Mr. Banks will be able to enlighten you on Kake conditions.

I am sorry that the letter written to your office when I was in Skagway was addressed to Chicago and its arrival in New York delayed. I never remember before of doing such a thing.

We had such a fine time with Mr. Banks and his wife. The stay with us will long linger in memory. Mr. Penfield leaves tomorrow for the States and the east. We have learned to love him much.

Very truly yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

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Juneau, Alaska, August 28, 1922

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

In a meeting of the Home Mission Committee of August 1st the following item of business was transacted to be communicated to you.

In reference to the Sitka field:

1. The Committee concurs in the recommendation of Mr. Banks that the Sitka work be divided at once and Mr. Buchanan be commissioned to the White work alone.
2. The Committee concurs in the recommendation of Mr. Banks and therefore recommends the appointment of a new missionary to the native work as soon as possible, salary to be provided outside of the present budget.
3. The Committee agrees with Mr. Banks and the Native Elders that a mission should be built at the earliest possible date in the Sitka village proper, same not to exceed \$3,000.
4. That the Woman's Board be conferred with in regard to building a manse for the white pastor in the town proper, in exchange for the present manse now located on the school campus.
5. That a manse be built adjacent to the native village for the pastor to the natives. Manse to cost approximately \$4,500.

I believe that if you confer with Mr. Banks, who has this matter well in hand, the recommendations above will best be understood.

There has quite a puzzling matter appeared before the Committee and that is in the case of the removal of missionaries from their fields to the States, in the case of those who do not seem to fit into the work or for any reason should be removed from Alaska, who is the proper person to set in motion the machinery to accomplish the removal. The men in the Presbytery do not like to more than recommend that a change be made, where necessary, and they feel that it should be, and best can be, accomplished from the headquarters in New York. We do not wish to avoid any duty that rightfully should fall upon us as presbyters but we feel that since we are on the field and know the men personally that the correspondence for removal should be carried on by some representative of the Board in New York. Let us have your deliverance on the subject.

All things going along nicely with us. How we wish that we might have the opportunity of entertaining you on the fields here as was afforded us by the recent visit of Mr. Banks. He has quite won our hearts and the correspondence is bound to be more satisfactory because of his visit.

With warmest regards I am most sincerely

Geo. G. Bruce

September 1, 1922.

Rev. George E. Bruce, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:

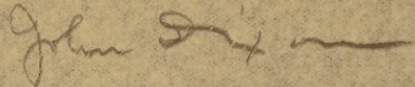
Your favor of August 21st has been received. I note the action of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery concerning Mr. Fitzgerald. I will submit it to the Executive Committee and report will be made to you of the action of the Committee or of the Board.

I assume that Dr. Young will put into your hands for reading the personal comment which I made upon the removal of Mr. Fitzgerald. Kindly understand that in no degree, or to no extent, are my personal views the views of the Board of Home Missions.

I am sending to Dr. Young a letter from the Rev. Scott I. Wallace of Seattle, a friend of Dr. Matthews and Dr. F. L. Forbes, who ~~wants~~ to go to Alaska.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



JD:ES

Oct 24 1922
Reld 10/23/22
C. L. D.

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Juneau, Alaska,
October 6, 1922.

Mr. Varian Banks,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Banks:--

At a meeting of the Home Mission Committee today the following action was taken regarding the coming into our midst of Rev. H. H. Story, of Grimes, California:

1. "The Home Missions Committee, with the concurrence of the General Missionary, do recommend that Rev. H. H. Story, of Grimes, California, be commissioned as a missionary to serve at Kake, Alaska, and that said commission date from December 1, 1922.
2. "We recommend that the traveling expenses of himself and family, consisting of a wife and two small children, be paid from Grimes, California to Kake, Alaska; also the freight on the necessary household goods that he shall need to bring and furthermore, that he be advanced one month's salary. "

I believe that Dr. Young has written you that Rev. J. Roscoe Fitzgerald's salary was to be continued to him through and including the month of November, and that Rev. Story's salary was to be the continuation of that set aside for the Kake field. This will necessitate no readjustment of salary.

In a letter from Rev. J. Roscoe Fitzgerald to me we have the information that he will accept the decision of the committee that his commission be terminated the first of December 1922, and that Dr. Marquis has written him to that effect. Mr. Fitzgerald acquiesced in that matter most gracefully in his letter to me.

When Rev. Story arrives on the field we may have to carry on further correspondence with the Board regarding the furnishing of the house at Kake as per the earlier program of the Board for the furnishing of the houses of the missionaries under the Board's commission in Alaska Presbytery.

Hoping that the Council has not been too hard on you and that you are still as enthusiastic for us as ever I am

Most sincerely yours,

Geo G. Bruce

*Dear Dr. Dixon:
after reading this letter I
am convinced it should have been
sent you. Please pardon.*

October 25, 1922.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your letter of October sixth addressed to Mr. Banks, which you have sent to Dr. Dixon.

I assume that you have not been informed that Dr. Dixon has severed his connection with the Board of Home Missions and has not been in the office since the first of October. He has been elected as President of the Board of Trustees of the Lawrenceville School of Lawrenceville, N.J. and devotes his time to that work. It is needless to say that he is very much missed here in the Board where he has been such a good friend and wise counsellor for many years.

Probably Mr. Banks will give his attention to your letter of above date.

Sincerely yours,

For Dr. Dixon.